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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **220**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION APPEALS AND HEARINGS, EMPLOYEE PAY PERIODS AND MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Section 31-231a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):
- 5 (a) For a construction worker identified pursuant to regulations
 - adopted in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, the total
- 7 unemployment benefit rate for the individual's benefit year
- 8 commencing on or after April 1, 1996, shall be an amount equal to one
- 9 twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of his <u>or her</u> total
- wages, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 31-222,
- 11 paid during that quarter of his <u>or her</u> current benefit year's base period

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in which wages were the highest but not less than fifteen dollars, and commencing after October 1, 2016, shall be an amount equal to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of the average of his or her total wages paid during the three quarters of his or her current benefit year's base period in which such wages were highest but not less than fifty dollars nor more than the maximum benefit rate as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

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(b) For an individual not included in subsection (a) of this section, the individual's total unemployment benefit rate for his or her benefit year commencing after September 30, 1967, shall be an amount equal to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of the average of his or her total wages, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 31-222, paid during the two quarters of his or her current benefit year's base period in which such wages were highest but not less than fifteen dollars, and commencing after October 1, 2016, shall be an amount equal to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of the average of his or her total wages paid during the three quarters of his or her current benefit year's base period in which such wages were highest but not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred fifty-six dollars in any benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in July, 1982, nor more than sixty per cent rounded to the next lower dollar of the average wage of production and related workers in the state in any benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in October, 1983, and provided the maximum benefit rate in any benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in October, 1988, shall not increase more than eighteen dollars in any benefit year, such increase to be effective as of the first Sunday in October of such year, and further provided the maximum benefit rate shall not increase in benefit years 2016, 2017 and 2018. The average wage of production and related workers in the state shall be determined by the administrator, on or before August fifteenth annually, as of the year ended the previous June thirtieth to be effective during the benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday of the following October and shall be so determined in accordance with the standards for the

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determination of average production wages established by the United
 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(c) The administrator shall adopt regulations pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall specify the National Council on Compensation Insurance employee classification codes which identify construction workers covered by subsection (a) of this section and specify the manner and format in which employers shall report the identification of such workers to the administrator."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501 October 1, 2016 31-231a